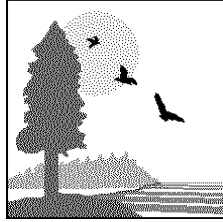


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW  
AND INTENT TO ADOPT A  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A Draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) has been prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GNFMS) (Lead Federal Agency) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) (Lead State Agency) for the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan (TBVMP). The Draft EA/IS is in compliance with the requirements of CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and CSLC Regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2901 et seq.) for the TBVMP currently being processed by the GNFMS and CSLC staff. This Notice will fulfill a State and a Federal regulatory process noticing and review requirement for both the CSLC and GNFMS.

Project Title: Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan

Project Location: Tomales Bay, Marin County, California.

Project Description:

The TBVMP is the result of a long-term multi-agency effort to streamline and coordinate vessel management activities for the benefit of the public. The TBVMP aims to improve water quality, protect wildlife and habitat, protect public health and ensure recreational opportunities in Tomales Bay. It also implements the mandates and regulations of both GNFMS and CSLC. It represents extensive input from the boating community and other local stakeholders, and addresses numerous issues including vessel sewage discharge, impacts from moorings, derelict or deserted vessels, introduction of invasive species, disturbance of wildlife, and discharges of oil, fuel, and vessel maintenance products. The TBVMP provides recommendations to achieve the stated goals. The intended outcome is to have a coordinated, collaborative plan that provides guidance to the agencies and the public for improving the water quality, protecting and restoring the natural resources and ensuring public health and safety of water-related uses of

Tomales Bay. This plan does not establish any new legal authorities; none of the proposed actions will alter existing authorities with regard to management of resources or regulation of activities within Tomales Bay.

The TBVMP EA/IS can be downloaded, in PDF format, at <http://farallones.noaa.gov/eco/tomales/tomales.html#vessel>. Hard copies of the TBVMP EA/IS are also available for review at the locations below:

Inverness Library 15 Park Ave. Inverness, CA 94937 (415) 669-1288	Point Reyes Library 11431 State Route 1 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 663-8375
Civic Center Library 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 427 San Rafael, CA (415) 473-6057	California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1890

The TBVMP EA/IS is available for a 30-day review period. All comments must be received by **Friday, September 21, 2012**, and can be sent to one of the addresses below:

California State Lands Commission Attention: Eric Gillies 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825  Fax (916) 574-1885 <a href="mailto:CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov">CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov</a>	Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Attention: Brad Damitz 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio San Francisco, CA 94129  Fax (415) 532-2838 <a href="mailto:Brad.damitz@noaa.gov">Brad.damitz@noaa.gov</a>
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### **Public Meeting**

The GFNMS and CSLC will also conduct a public meeting for the TBVMP to receive oral or written testimony at the time and place listed below.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 18, 2012</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Point Reyes Dance Palace Community Center 503 B St., Point Reyes Station, CA 94956</b>

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comment on the TBVMP and ensure that all oral comments are documented. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation describing the TBVMP. The session will end after all persons present who wish to provide oral comments have done so.

### **Important Notes to Commenters**

1. If you submit comments to the CSLC, you are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your written comments. If written comments are sent by e-mail, please send the comments to [CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov](mailto:CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov) and write the following in the subject line of your email: **Tomaes Bay Vessel Management Plan Comments**. If written comments are faxed, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.
2. A sign language interpreter will be provided at the meeting upon advance notification of need by a hard-of-hearing person. Such notification should be made as soon as possible prior to date of the scoping meeting. If you need reasonable accommodation to conduct business with CSLC staff conducting the scoping meeting for a disability as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, please contact Eric Gillies at (916) 574-1897 in advance of the meeting to arrange for such accommodation.
3. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, email address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for the TBVMP.
4. Before including your address, telephone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time (including accompanying the Final Negative Declaration and posted on the CSLC's website). While you may ask the CSLC (prominently at the beginning of your submission) to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the CSLC cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The TBVMP EA/IS will be considered for adoption as a Negative Declaration at a **December 2012** scheduled meeting of the CSLC. The specific date, time, and location will be posted on the CSLC's website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov> when specific meeting information becomes known.

Should you have any questions or need additional information from the lead State agency or CEQA perspective, please contact Eric Gillies at (916) 574-1897, or via e-mail at [Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov). Should you have any questions or need additional information from the lead Federal agency or NEPA perspective, please contact Brad Damitz at (415) 259-5766 or via e-mail at [Brad.Damitz@noaa.gov](mailto:Brad.Damitz@noaa.gov).

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